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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview 7-7-04

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☐ Televideo Conference ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement ☒ was reached. ☐ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-15 and 32-41 (except 5, 6 & 7)

Identification of prior art discussed: US 6,440,137 (Horvath et al.)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding claims 1 and 41:  
Clm 1, line 14: insertion of "said member applying an axial force to  
said spacer" after said spacer (first occurrence) to overcome 6,440,137  
Claim 41 must also be amended accordingly to overcome 6,440,137.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary. A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has are ready been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to another form.

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